



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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### MINUTES OF THE 655th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 655th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on September 23, 2004, in Room 864 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those in attendance follows:

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair  
Clifton Albright, Vice Chair  
Nelson L. Atkins  
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#### MEMBERS EXCUSED

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#### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, Los Angeles City Attorney  
Sgt. Bruce Haar, LASD  
Danette Myers, L. A. County Bar Association  
Dennis P. Zine, Independent Cities Association Attorney

#### CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Karsch, Los Angeles City

#### GUESTS

Marty Vranicar, Los Angeles City

#### COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Darby Chen, Superior Court  
Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office  
Honorable John H. Sandoz, Superior Court  
Wendy Tait, Deputy, Second District

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Jim Corbett  
Nyla Jefferson

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 655<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:28 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge John H. Sandoz was asked to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by introductions of Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Staff, and guests

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Coombs, and seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Commission

unanimously approved the Minutes of August 19, 2004.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairperson CeDillos announced the passing of Dedie Wards' Father on September 15, 2004 and said that a card would be passed around for members to sign. Any donations from members are to be coordinated with Jim Corbett or Nyla Jefferson of the Executive Office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

#### **JPC Donation Trust Fund Report**

Commissioner Ann Jackson and Chair CeDillos reported the following:

- Chair CeDillos thanked the Commissioners that donated to the Trust Fund.
- The requirement set by the Bar Foundation for the Commission to come up with \$2,000 in matching funds has been met.
- The Committee is considering the possibility of applying for Prop. #10 funding for the Child Custody Exchange project. Ms. Shuttleworth will look into the matter and report back.
- The Commission is awaiting a legal opinion from County Council on the matter of applying for grants from outside sources.

Judge Sandoz commented that there is a great need to find more locations where child waiting rooms can be established; and Commissioner Kamenir Reznik urged the Commission to continue to seek outside sources to fund this program.

#### **Child Waiting Room Update**

This item was continued to the next meeting on October 21, 2004.

#### **Police Overtime**

Lt. George Bush, LAPD, provided the following updates on the efforts of the LAPD and the City Attorney's Office to reduce court related overtime within the LAPD:

- Two officers are reviewing cases to determine which officer involved in a case needs to testify.
- One million dollars has been saved within the last six months in overtime costs.
- An exit survey of officers from the Criminal Courts Building is being conducted.
- Two issues that are currently being reviewed are 1) off duty officers waiting to testify who should be at home on call and 2) on duty officers waiting to testify who should be on patrol.
- Fifty percent of the officers at the courthouses are on duty, and 90% of officers spend time waiting at the District Attorney's witness detail.

#### **Child Custody Exchange Committee**

Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office, provided the following update:

- The Carson and Temple City Sheriff's stations have offered their facilities as exchange sites, and the City of Los Angeles has donated equipment. At this time the Committee is looking into securing funding to pay staffing costs for these two sites.
- Project Safe Haven in Monrovia has an existing exchange program which has been operating for several years. This program also conducts the security clearances and training for its volunteers. The Committee may be able to use volunteers from the Monrovia program to staff the Carson and Temple City exchange locations.
- The State has a grant program that allows indigents to pay at a sliding scale for monitoring services and exchanges.
- Anna Pembedjian, Deputy, Fifth District, will assist with getting more people involved with this project.

Ms. Dieringer also reported that Bienvinedos would be able to provide staff for Temple City, and L. A. Wings, staff for Carson. Bienvinedos has a two day video training which could also be used. It was suggested that bilingual brochures could be created to disseminate information about the exchange centers to the Spanish speaking community as well as acquiring bilingual volunteers for the program.

### **REPORTS ON GANG INJUNCTIONS**

Heather Aubry introduced Marty Vranicar, Head, Gang Unit, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and offered information about his background with the City. Mr. Vranicar provided the following information on gang activity:

- The City has 45,000 documented gang members and 800 documented gangs. There are four hundred Hispanic and 225 African American gangs, and the remainders are Asian and skinhead groups. The County currently has 1200 documented gangs.
- Gangs are aggressively recruiting younger and younger kids.
- The two largest gangs operating in Los Angeles are the 18<sup>th</sup> Street and "MS" gangs. The 18<sup>th</sup> Street gang recruits from the Mexican American population and the "MS" recruits from the Central Americans.
- The "MS" gang has developed a presence on the East Coast.
- A court injunction was recently secured for a gang in the Estrada Courts Housing Project known as "BNE" (Barrio Nuevo Estrada).
- The City Attorney is currently evaluating the services provided to kids at the elementary school level to see if there is a need to incorporate gang prevention information.
- The Inter-Agency Gang Task Force has put together a proposal and resolution to support Senator Diane Feinstein's Anti-Gang Bill.
- The department is also engaged in multi-agency anti-gang efforts (CLEAR Project) with many local and State agencies to target the "hot spots" in the County.
- Gang injunctions provide the police with probable cause to stop and question groups of two or more gang members who do not appear to be engaged in criminal activity.
- An injunction can reduce crime by eight to ten percent at a minimal cost.

A preliminary injunction is strictly a nuisance abatement lawsuit to target a group for injunctive relief. When issuing an injunction, the agency looks at the natural boundaries and the limits of

the gang's territory to address any gang movement that may occur as a means to avoid an injunction. In 1997, the State Supreme Court reviewed the right of gang members to associate in public and ruled that a criminal gang does not have the right to associate publicly. Currently, there are twenty-two gang injunctions throughout the City, and last year the prosecutions on the injunctions were 125.

Chairperson CeDillos thanked Mr. Vranicar for his presentation and opened the floor for questions.

#### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA**

There was none.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.